

**OFDA Plastic Grant
CHF/Honduras
Final Performance Report**

Grantee: Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF)
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I. BACKGROUND

During the heavy rains in September of 1999, Honduras was again in a state of emergency as rivers overflowed their borders, and communities were flooded. Not only were the floodwaters affecting the many families that had returned to the riverbeds flooded only recently by hurricane Mitch, but also new areas were flooded due to the sediment and trash left in the rivers.

With several storms approaching, USAID/OFDA and COPECO worked together to prepare for what appeared to be yet another difficult rainy season.

CHF at the request of USAID/OFDA accepted a donation of 45 boxes of plastic to help those families who needed immediate emergency shelter.

II. EXPECTED RESULTS

CHF was expected to coordinate with USAID/OFDA and COPECO for the distribution of the plastic material and CHF technical assistance to the families with the most urgent need.

The 45 boxes of plastic along with technical assistance, materials and transportation provided by CHF/Honduras were estimated to benefit approximately 225 families (1,215 individuals).

III. PERFORMANCE

The following table indicates the communities and people who benefited from this grant:

Communities	Number of Families
Nacaome, Valle	96
Naranjito, Santa Barbara	34
Puerto Lempira, Gracias a Dios	35
TOTAL	165

Although the original estimate was that 225 families (5 per box) would benefit from the plastic material, only 165 actually benefited. This difference is due to the fact that in many

cases, the plastic was used to wrap houses that still had a strong structure standing, but that had lost walls made of adobe or mud. In these cases, more than 20% of a roll was used for each house. The total number of families was less, but the impact of the donation was significant to those who were benefited.

IV. CORE ACTIVITIES

CHF coordinated with the municipalities to identify those with the most immediate need. In addition, the Red Cross was extremely helpful in coordinating activities in Nacaome where the majority of the activities took place.

In Naranjito, Santa Bárbara, the plastic was distributed by the local NGO, AIEH, with whom CHF has a long-standing working relationship. In this case the plastic request actually came from another NGO working in that area, Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras. The NGO was building new homes for Mitch *damnificados* in this area, but the houses were only partially built so the families needed protection from the heavy rains.

In Puerto Lempira, the local CODEM solicited 10 boxes for families that needed immediate shelter. CODEM requested the boxes, and picked them up from the CHF office taking on the responsibility and cost to ship them to Puerto Lempira. CHF later followed up with the municipality to ensure the proper use of the donation.

V. COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTION

USAID/OFDA provided the plastic materials, and it was CHF/Honduras' responsibility to cover the costs associated with distributing the plastic. In total, CHF spent an estimated \$1,385 on salaries, transportation, gasoline and telephone to coordinate and follow up on the donation.